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<u>POLICY NUMBER</u>			<u>TITLE OF POLICY</u>
E-03			Cat Trapping
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STATEMENT:

The Town of Vulcan requires a policy to formalize a process for the trapping of at large cats in a humane manner.

1. Trap Requests

- 1.1** A citizen of the Town of Vulcan, who is annoyed with damages done to their property as a result of a stray cat, may contact the Town, voice a complaint and request a cat trap.
- 1.2** The individual requesting use of a cat trap must make an attempt to identify the owner of the problem cat and if possible, talk to the owner and advise the owner of the problem the cat is causing.
- 1.3** If the problem continues and trapping is the only recourse remaining, a trap will be supplied by the Town in order to ensure that the cat is trapped in a humane manner.
- 1.4** Traps will be made available at the Town Office. The borrower will be asked to sign an agreement (Appendix "A") which will hold them responsible should a cat be mistreated after being trapped as well as for lost, stolen or damaged traps. Traps will be available from 9:00 A.M. Monday to 12:00 NOON Friday during regular business hours.
- 1.5** All traps lent out by the Town must be returned by 12:00 NOON each Friday.
- 1.6** The Complainant will be required to pay a \$20.00 deposit to the Town. This deposit will be returned to the Complainant at such time as the trap is returned and is found to be in the same condition it was at the time it was obtained from the Town.
- 1.7** The borrower is responsible for the trap while in their possession. If the trap is not returned or if the trap is stolen or damaged in any way the borrower will be required to pay the actual cost of the replacement or repair of the trap.
- 1.8** The Town may enter and inspect the premises of the Complainant and ascertain if a cat trap has been properly placed or set and if a cat has been trapped.
- 1.9** If at any time it is found that a resident is not adhering to the conditions set out in the agreement, the service will be withdrawn immediately.
- 1.10** Traps will be given out on a first come first serve basis. If all traps are out of the office, staff will start a list and give the first available trap to the next person on the list.

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2. Trapping Procedure

- 2.1 Only approved traps as provided by the Town of Vulcan are to be used.
- 2.2 The borrower is responsible should a cat be mistreated after being trapped.
- 2.3 Traps can only be set on the borrower's property or in the case of a renter on his rented property.
- 2.4 The borrower must check the trap hourly and if no cat is caught before going to bed or leaving the residence, the trap should be tripped to avoid a cat being caught and spending a prolonged time in an unchecked trap. The trap should only be re-set when it can be monitored and checked hourly.
- 2.5 No trap is to be left operational when the temperature is above plus 30° degrees Celsius or below negative 10° Celsius. At the time of requesting a trap to be lent out if these temperatures exist or when wind, rain, snow or other extreme weather conditions exist or when the weather forecast calls for extreme weather conditions, at the discretion of the Bylaw Enforcement Officer or their designate, the traps will not be available for use.
- 2.6 When a cat is caught it is to be provided water and the trap moved to a location where it is protected from the weather and conditions outside or any other conditions that may bring harm to the animal until such time that it is delivered and turned over to a recognized rescue or shelter. Upon trapping a cat, the welfare of that cat becomes the **legal responsibility of the person setting the trap** until the cat is either released or turned over to a pound or its owner.
- 2.7 If a cat is trapped, **only 3 legal options exist** for disposal of trapped cats. These options are:
- (a) the cat may be released in the hope the experience deters the cat;
 - (b) the cat may be returned to owner, if known; or
 - (c) the cat may be turned over to a recognized rescue or shelter.
- 2.8 Cats are **not** to be relocated (example: moved to farms or across town, abandoned in the country, or destroyed). **Abandoning animals is an offence under the Criminal Code and the Animal Protection Act of Alberta. Killing other people's cats is prohibited under the Criminal Code.**
- 2.9 When any other animal is captured it is to be released in a suitable location that should not cause any nuisance to land owners or must be dealt with in compliance to any provincial or federal legislation.
- 2.10 **List of local rescues and shelters:**
- Heaven Can Wait Animal Rescue Foundation, High River, AB (403) 601-2520
- Nanton & District Animal Protection Society, Nanton, AB (403) 646-3399
- Claresholm Animal Shelter, Claresholm, AB (403) 625-5370
- Lethbridge Animal Care & Control, Lethbridge, AB (403) 320-4099

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Brooks Animal Protection Society, Brooks, AB (403) 362-4323

Calgary Humane Society, Calgary, AB (403) 205-4455

AARCS - Alberta Animal Rescue Crew Society, Calgary, AB (403) 250-7377

Calgary Animal Rescue Society, Calgary, AB (403) 816-0759

Rocky Mountain Animal Rescue, Calgary, AB (587) 215-6400

MEOW Foundation, Calgary, AB (403) 230-6033

- END OF POLICY -



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Cat Trapping Agreement



THE CAT TRAP LENT OUT BY THE TOWN OF VULCAN IS CONSIDERED TO BE A FEASIBLE AND HUMANE WAY OF DEALING WITH UNWANTED CATS. HOWEVER, THE TRAP COULD VERY EASILY BECOME A TORTURE CHAMBER AND VERY INHUMANE IF THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS ARE NOT FOLLOWED:

1. Only approved traps as provided by the Town of Vulcan are to be used.
2. The borrower is responsible should any animal be mistreated after being trapped.
3. Regardless of which day in the week the trap is taken out it must be returned on Friday of the same week by 12:00 NOON.
4. Traps can only be set on the borrower's property or in the case of a renter on his rented property.
5. The lender must check the trap hourly and if no cat is caught before going to bed or leaving the residence, the trap should be tripped to avoid a cat being caught and spending a prolonged time in an unchecked trap. The trap should only be re-set when it can be monitored and checked hourly.
6. No trap is to be left operational when the temperature is above plus 30° degrees Celsius or below negative 10° Celsius.
7. When a cat is caught it is to be provided water and the trap moved to a location where it is protected from the weather and conditions outside or any other conditions that may bring harm to the animal until such time that it is delivered and turned over to a recognized rescue or shelter.
8. If at any time it is found that a resident is not adhering to the conditions set out in this agreement, the service will be withdrawn immediately.
9. The borrower is responsible for the trap while in their possession. If the trap is not returned or if the trap is stolen or damaged in any way the borrower will be required to pay the actual cost of the replacement or repair of the trap.
10. The borrower hereby indemnifies the Town of Vulcan from and against any and all claims and actions for damage, losses, expenses or claims of any nature to any person or property arising in any way whatsoever out of the use and operation of the cat trap received by the borrower.

I am a resident of the Town of Vulcan and have read and agree to the terms and conditions as stated above.

Name of Borrower	(Print)		
House Address			
Telephone Number	Home:	Cell:	
Date and Time Trap Taken	Date:	Time:	
Deposit Taken	\$20.00	Trap Number	

Signature of Borrower _____

Date and Time Trap Returned	Date:	Time:	
Condition			
Deposit Returned	Yes/No:		
Cats Trapped	Yes/No:	If Yes how many?	
Recognized rescue or shelter that took custody of cat			

Signature of Borrower _____

Signature of Town Staff _____